

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A terminal apparatus comprising a content usage management device for managing usage of contents, comprising:

~~a terminal time change notification means-unit for which~~ automatically ~~notifying-notifies~~ the content usage management device of change of time of the terminal apparatus,

wherein the content usage management device comprises:

~~a change-of-time detection means-unit for which~~ receiving~~-receives~~ a notification of change from the terminal apparatus and detecting~~-detects~~ a change-of-time event at the terminal apparatus; and

~~a control means-unit for which~~ updating~~-updates~~ limitation-on-usage information about the contents in accordance with the detected change of time.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The terminal apparatus according to claim 1, wherein, when the change-of-time detection means-unit has detected the change-of-time event of the terminal apparatus, the control means-unit updates the limitation-on-usage information.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The terminal apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein the content usage management device further comprises a data communications means-unit for which transmitting-transmits and receiving-receives data to and from at least a terminal which uses the contents,

wherein the limitation-on-usage information includes expiration date information showing an expiration date by which the ~~conseentea~~ content can be used, and reference time information showing a reference time which serves as a reference for limitations on usage of the contents,

wherein, when the contents are acquired, the data communications means-unit transmits and receives data to and from a content distributor which distributes the contents, acquires a remaining time of validity of the contents from the content distributor as the expiration date, and acquires from the terminal a current time thereof as the reference time, and

wherein, when the change-of-time detection means-unit has detected a change-of-time event of the terminal, the control means-unit computes a time during which the contents have been used, by means of subtracting the reference time from the current time of the terminal, computes an expiration date achieved immediately after change of the time of the terminal by means of subtracting the time during which the contents have been used from the expiration time achieved

immediately before change of time of the terminal, and updates limitation-on-usage information by means of taking the current time of the terminal achieved immediately after change of the time of the terminal as a new reference time.

**Claim 4 (currently amended):** The terminal apparatus according to claim 3, wherein, when the change-of-time detection means-unit has detected a change-of-time event of the terminal, the data communications means-unit acquires from the terminal a current time thereof achieved immediately before change of time of the terminal and a current time of the terminal achieved immediately after change of time of the terminal.

**Claim 5 (currently amended):** A content usage management device for managing usage of contents available at a terminal, comprising:

a change-of-time detection means-unit for which detecting  
detects a change-of-time event at, at least a terminal—which  
uses the contents; and

a control means-unit for which updating—updates  
limitation-on-usage information about the contents in  
accordance with the detected change of time,

wherein, when the change-of-time detection means-unit has detected the change-of-time event of the terminal, the

control means-unit updates the limitation-on-usage information.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The content usage management device according to claim 5,

wherein the content usage management device further comprises a data communications means-unit for transmitting-transmits and receiving-receives data to and from at least a terminal-which uses the contents,

wherein the limitation-on-usage information includes expiration date information showing an expiration time by which the contents-a content can be used and reference time information showing a reference time which serves as a reference for limitations on usage of the contents,

wherein, when the contents are acquired, the data communications means-unit transmits and receives data to and from a content distributor which distributes the contents, acquires a remaining time of validity of the contents from the content distributor as the expiration date, and acquires from the terminal a current time thereof as the reference time, and

wherein, when the change-of-time detection means-unit has detected a change-of-time event of the terminal, the control means-unit computes a time during which the contents have been used, by means of subtracting the reference time from the time of the terminal, computes an expiration date

achieved immediately after change of the time of the terminal by means of subtracting the time during which the contents have been used from the expiration time achieved immediately before change of time of the terminal, and updates limitation-on-usage information by means of taking the time of the terminal achieved immediately after change of the time of the terminal as a new reference time.

**Claim 7 (currently amended):** The content usage management device according to claim 6, wherein, when the change-of-time detection means-unit has detected a change-of-time event of the terminal, the data communications means-unit acquires from the terminal a time thereof achieved immediately before change of time of the terminal and a time of the terminal achieved immediately after change of time of the terminal.

Claims 8-22 (canceled)